

Public Information Meetings

On Proposed Class 2 Modification To the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit For the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

August 29, 2000
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
WIPP Information Center
Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico

August 31, 2000
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Courtyard by Marriott
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The purposes of these public information meetings are to:

1. Provide information to the public concerning a proposed Class 2 modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
2. Explain the process for submitting comments
3. Provide a forum for an exchange of views with the public, the facility's owner (U.S. Department of Energy), the management and operating contractor (Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division), and the regulatory agency (the New Mexico Environment Department).

*In its request, DOE proposes to 1) increase the limit on aboveground storage capacity at WIPP by 25%, 2) expand the capacity of the aboveground storage areas in the WIPP Waste Handling Building, 3) remove the time limit for temporarily storing waste aboveground at WIPP, and 4) for waste characterized at WIPP, substitute the in-house, NMED-regulated assessment program for the current audit and surveillance program. These modifications are part of a proposed centralized waste characterization facility at WIPP. ***Note -- The permittees' record of compliance with the permit is available from Mr. Steve Zappe at the New Mexico Environment Department.***

To obtain information about the Class 2 Permit Modification, contact Mr. Bob Kehrman at the WIPP Information Center, 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP homepage <<http://www.wipp.carlsbad.nm.us>> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 Natl.Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM

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Comments accepted until September 26